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A GUIDE FOR THE

IDENTIFICATION OF  
CALVES OFFICIALLY  
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BRUCELLOSIS


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This guide has been prepared for veterinarians, livestock inspectors, and others engaged in the brucellosis eradication program for use in identifying animals moving interstate.

## A GUIDE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF CALVES OFFICALLY VACCINATED AGAINST BRUCELLOSIS

The registered shield identification symbol in the code recommended by the United States Livestock Sanitary Association will be referred to as the standard tattoo, and is represented as follows:

Quarter (1 to 4) +  + Year (last numeral).

The methods of identifying officially vaccinated calves in each State (except Alaska), as reported by each, are given in alphabetical order. Puerto Rico appears at the end of the listing.

### ALABAMA

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last Numeral),  
AND optional yellow ear tag.

### ARIZONA

Standard tattoo AND ear tag (National ear-tag system).

### ARKANSAS

Standard tattoo AND ear tag (National ear-tag system) or  
individual identification tattoo.

### CALIFORNIA

Left ear tattoo: Quarter (A to D) + Shield + Year (last  
numeral).

### COLORADO

Standard tattoo.

## CONNECTICUT

Standard tattoo AND ear tag (National ear-tag system).

## DELAWARE

Standard tattoo AND Delaware vaccination tag (orange) in left ear AND identification tag (National system) in right ear.

## FLORIDA

Standard tattoo. An identification number is also tattooed in the right ear unless an identification tattoo is already in the ear or a satisfactory identification brand is present.

## GEORGIA

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + CV + Year (last numeral) AND orange ear tag (National ear-tag system) with "USVAC" on the back.

## HAWAII

Standard tattoo OR "V" brand on right cheek in accordance with Uniform Methods and Rules. An optional ear tag (National system) may be used with the above identification.

## IDAHO

Standard tattoo AND optional official ear tag.

## ILLINOIS

Purebred animals: standard tattoo AND registration number, dam's registration number, or registration tattoo. Grade animals: standard tattoo AND official ear tag in right ear.

## INDIANA

Right ear tattoo: Month (1 to 12) + V + Year (last numeral), OR registration tattoo.

## IOWA

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral), OR hot iron "V" brand and ear tag OR registered purebred tattoo.

## KANSAS

Left ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + <sup>K</sup>V + Year (last numeral), and ear tag or registered hot brand; OR only the registration tattoo.

## KENTUCKY

Standard tattoo AND orange vaccination ear tag.

## LOUISIANA

Ear tattoo: Month (by number, except October, November and December are O, N, or D) + Shield + Year (last numeral) AND a vaccination tag in right ear. A registration tattoo or registered brand may be substituted for the vaccination tag.

## MAINE

Ear tattoo: V + Me + Year (last numeral), AND ear tag: CVX + Number + Calf Vaccinate + Maine.

## MARYLAND

Right ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral), AND official Maryland vaccination tag, left ear.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral). "Records show ear tags, tattoo, registration numbers, date of birth, sex, and breed."

## MICHIGAN

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral).

## MINNESOTA

Ear tattoo: Month (1 to 12) + V + Year (last numeral).

## MISSISSIPPI

Standard tattoo AND bronze or yellow ear tag or registration tattoo.

## MISSOURI

Standard tattoo AND yellow ear tag.

## MONTANA

Standard tattoo OR official vaccination tag OR jaw brand AND optional "V" notch in either ear (preferably right ear).

## NEBRASKA

Non-brand area: Standard tattoo AND official vaccination tag in right ear.

Brand area: Standard tattoo or hot iron "V" brand (open end up) on right jaw AND official vaccination tag or owner's brand including location on animal.

Registered purebreds in either area: Registration number or registration tattoo and date of birth may be substituted for standard tattoo and tag.

## NEVADA

Standard tattoo AND ear tag (except ear tag is optional on registered calves).

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Standard tattoo.

## NEW JERSEY

Ear tattoo: Month (A to L) + NJ + Year (last numeral), AND right ear serial number tattoo or ear tag.

## NEW MEXICO

Right jaw brand: "V" (open end up) and vaccination tag, right ear; OR only the registration tattoo.

## NEW YORK

Standard tattoo AND vaccination tag in tattooed ear, identification tag in opposite ear.



## NORTH CAROLINA

Standard tattoo AND vaccination ear tag or registration tattoo number.

## NORTH DAKOTA

Standard tattoo OR ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral).

## OHIO

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral), AND identification tag, herd tattoo number, or registration number.

## OKLAHOMA

Mandatory: Standard tattoo in right ear OR registration tattoo.

Optional: Orange-colored ear tag in right ear OR "V" brand on right jaw.

## OREGON

Standard tattoo, OR "V" brand on right jaw OR registration tattoo if tattoo is shown on registration papers. An optional vaccination tag, right ear, may be used with any one of the above three identifications.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral), AND ear tag.

## RHODE ISLAND

Ear tattoo: RI + V + Year (last numeral). "Records show ear tags, tattoo, registration number, date of birth, sex, and breed."

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Standard tattoo AND orange vaccination tag (National ear-tag system).

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Standard tattoo or V brand on right jaw AND orange vaccination tag or registration tattoo.

## TENNESSEE

Standard tattoo OR vaccination ear tag.

## TEXAS

Ear tattoo: Month (by number, except October, November and December are O, N, or D) + Shield + Year (last numeral), OR hot iron "V" brand in accordance with the Uniform Methods and Rules. In addition dairy heifers must be individually identified by eartag or tattoo number. Beef heifers may be individually identified by owners holding brand or eartag or tattoo number.

## UTAH

Registration number or tattoo OR standard tattoo. An optional orange-colored vaccination tag may be used with the above identification.

## VERMONT

Right ear tattoo: Shield + Year (last numeral), AND right ear identification tag: Number + VT + Livestock.

## VIRGINIA

Right ear tag AND ear notch on lower edge of left ear.

## WASHINGTON

Standard tattoo. Vaccination ear tag optional.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Standard tattoo and National ear-tag system plastic coated orange ear tag OR registration tattoo.

## WISCONSIN

Right ear tattoo: V + Month (1 to 12) + Year (last numeral).

## WYOMING

Standard tattoo.

## PUERTO RICO

Left ear tattoo: CV + Month (A to L) + Year (last numeral),  
AND yellow vaccination tag, right ear.



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